GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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DOWRY DEATH CASES
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases, relating to dowry deaths pending in various courts in the country;

(b) whether any time limit has been fixed to decide such cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite decision on the said cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Available information regarding cases pending in 11 High Courts and the concerned subordinate courts is given in the statement at Annexe.

(b)&(c): No time limit has been prescribed by law for courts to decide dowry death cases.

(d): Both the Government and the judiciary are concerned with the pendency of cases including cases relating to dowry death. Various steps are being taken in this regard. These include amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure, increase in the numberof judges/judicial officers, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates, setting up of Fast Track Courts etc.